

**KOOTENAI WMA/CLARK ACQUISITION
FACT SHEET
October 2007**

Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks (FWP) proposes to purchase in fee title 17 acres of land from Martha Dahm that adjoins the Woods Ranch Wildlife Management Area (WMA). The Dahm property is surrounded on 3 sides by the WMA and is located 7 miles north of Eureka.

Under an informal agreement with the landowner, this property has been managed as though it were a part of the WMA for many years. Sale of this property to another entity could result in the subdivision of this property, which would complicate FWP management of this portion of the WMA. Also, sale to another entity would likely restrict the use of this area by the public and could potentially threaten a local population of bighorn sheep that uses this property extensively. The sheep using this area are native and of a unique genotype referred to professionally as "Trench" sheep. This is the only viable herd of this genotype in northwest Montana.

REQUESTED ACTION:	Approval of Fee Acquisition
OWNER:	Marta J Clark, aka Martha Dahm
PROPERTY RIGHT TO BE ACQUIRED:	Fee Title
PROPERTY DATA:	Property located in Lincoln County, Montana Township 34 North, Range 27 West Section 1: Tract 5A in Govt. Lot 2 in the NW¼SE¼
COST and FUNDING SOURCES:	\$145,000 Big Horn Sheep Funding
PROCESS:	Draft Environmental Assessment distributed Public Hearing 7/31/2007 22-day comment period ended 08/06/07 Decision Notice issued 08/16/07 FWP Commission Approval 09/07